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1. OUR ORIGINAL ASSUMPTION WAS THAT CANU, AS NAME IMPLIES,
WAS A NARCOTICS UNIT WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY
WHOSE FUNCTION WAS DESCRIBED IN MANILA TOAID A-366 OF
DECEMBER 13, 1973 ONLY IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING THE PHILIP-
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PINE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972, AND IT WAS WITH THAT

UNDERSTANDING THAT WE AGREED TO ASSIST CANU. THEREFORE, WE FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE THAT CANU NOT DEVOTING FULL TIME TO NARCOTICS, AND IS INSTEAD ALSO INVOLVED IN ADDITIONAL UN-RELATED DUTIES SUCH AS INTERNAL SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, WHICH WE CANNOT SUPPORT. A-366 INDICATES OUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN ONLY TO CANU "ENFORCEMENT UNITS." THESE UNITS APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE PRINCIPAL ACTION ARM OF CANU ITSELF, AND ONES MOST LIKELY TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS IN SECURITY FIELD (OTHER CANU UNITS DEAL WITH ADMINISTRATION, "INFORMATION AND EDUCATION" AND "TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.")

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. WHICH "6 MAN TEAMS" DO WE SUPPORT?
- B. WHAT ARE THEIR PRECISE FUNCTIONS?

C. WHAT OTHER CANU "ENFORCEMENT" TEAMS EXIST?

D. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE "DETECTION BRANCH" AND THE "INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH"? AND

E. DO WE SUPPORT TEAMS FROM BOTH BRANCHES?

F. WHAT TYPE OF CANU TEAM PARTICIPATED IN THE HILAO CASE?

3. CAN MISSION SATISFACTORILY DETERMINE THAT CANU TEAMS WHICH WE SUPPORT HAVE NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE FAA SECTION 32 IMPLICATIONS? HOW CAN THIS DETERMINATION BE MADE? ON SURFACE, AT LEAST, IT APPEARS THAT TEAMS WE SUPPORT WOULD ALSO BE LOGICAL ACTION ARM OF CANU TO CARRY OUT POLITICAL ARRESTS. THUS IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE NARCOTICS AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. IF THIS IS CASE THEN POLITICAL UNIT OF CANU MUST BE SEPARATED FROM CANU BEFORE WE WILL PROVIDE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE TO CANU.

4. OBTAINING ASSURANCES THAT THE CANU UNITS WE SUPPORT DO NOT HAVE A POLITICAL ROLE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW
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OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF CONGRESS' INTENT RE POLITICAL PRISONERS AS ENUNCIATED IN FAA SECTION 32. THIS SERIOUSNESS HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN REPEATED QUESTIONS TO STATE/ ID WITNESSES IN RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON CURRENT AID LEGISLATION ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROVISION (SEE STATE 135799 AND 151977). CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ON THIS QUESTION CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

5. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS POINTING OUT THE LIMITATIONS PLACED ON OUR AID BOTH BY FAA SECTION 112 AND SECTION 32. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT CANU IS ALREADY IN THE SPOTLIGHT BECAUSE OF SPECIFIC CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE HILAO CASE. YOU SHOULD CAUTION PHILS THAT WHILE UNDER THEIR REGULATIONS IT MAY BE LEGAL FOR CANU TO ENGAGE IN NON-NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS, OUR LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS COULD FORCE US TO UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF OUR AID IF CANU - BECOMES INVOLVED IN POLITICAL PRISONERS ISSUES. FYI WHILE WE HAVE GIVEN NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE TO OTHER POLICE AGENCIES AND IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT IS ONLY WHERE THERE IS CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN NARCOTICS UNIT AND OTHER AND DISTINCT DIVISIONS. END FYI.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY QUESTIONS PARAS 2 AND 3 AND REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH CANU OFFICIALS ASAP. INGERSOLL

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